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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1135
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

By
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House Committee on Public Safety
Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Matthew S. LoPresti, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 9, 2017; 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair LoPresti, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports the intent** of House Bill (HB) 1135 to delete the sunset provisions of Act 139, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, applicable to PSD and the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

The Department also respectfully requests that HB 1135 be amended to include funding to conduct the validation study, as required by Act 139.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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By
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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
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The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) is in support of House Bill 1135, Relating to Public Safety, deleting the repeal and reenactment provision in session 14.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1135.

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Room 312

STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB 1135 - JUSTICE REINVESTMENT - DELETE REPEAL

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice Chair LoPresti and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies in Hawai`i for two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the almost 6,000 Hawai`i individuals living behind bars or under the "care and custody" of the Department of Public Safety. We are always mindful that approximately 1,400 of Hawai`i's imprisoned people are serving their sentences abroad thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Native Hawaiians, far from their ancestral lands.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of deleting the sunset provisions of Act 139.

Justice reinvestment is a data-driven approach to improve public safety, reduce corrections and related criminal justice spending, and reinvest savings in strategies that can decrease crime and reduce recidivism. It is one strategy that Hawai`i can implement to start reforming our system and using our resources where they will do the most good and the least harm.

The Department of Justice website¹ lists the 27 Justice Reinvestment states since 2010: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Hawaii, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, West Virginia. Prior to the launch of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative in 2010, six states undertook justice reinvestment efforts that have enriched and informed the JRI, including Arizona, Connecticut, Nevada, Texas, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

Hawai`i has a great opportunity with Justice Reinvestment and we thank the committee for hearing this bill.

Mahalo for this opportunity to show Community Alliance on Prisons' strong support for Hawai`i's Justice Reinvestment Initiative law!

¹ 1 JRI SITES, Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs.

https://www.bja.gov/programs/justicereinvestment/jri_sites.html

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De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We FULLY SUPPORT this bill.

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Comments:

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Carrie Ann Shirota	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I support Justice Reinvestment strategies in Hawai'i. The purpose behind this strategy is to reduce spending on correction and reinvest in cost-effective strategies that increases public safety. Please pass HB1135.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel L. Kailianu	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Any and all repeal or amendment would destroy the true intent of this bill.

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